

Journalism Education Licensure Requirements

To teach high school journalism courses for academic credit in Iowa, licensure, or progress towards licensure, is required. While there are no specific requirements for individuals who advise extra-curricular journalism programs, a background in journalism can help advisers maintain more professional publications, guide student journalists and properly handle legal and ethical dilemmas.

For journalism licensure, the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners requires 15 semester hours of journalism content work that covers writing, editing, production, and visual communication, IN ADDITION TO a methods course.

To fulfill requirements at the University of Iowa, choose at least one course from each of the three following areas, to equal 15 semester hours of content work. ALSO COMPLETE at least three semester hours of methods instruction, either with 19:101/7S:113 Methods: Secondary School Journalism (3 s.h.) or with both 19:102 Journalism Teacher Workshops: Newspaper Advising (2 s.h.) and 19:102 Journalism Teacher Workshops: Yearbook Advising (2 s.h.). (If Newspaper Advising and Yearbook Advising Workshops are used to satisfy the methods requirement, they do not apply to the required 15 semester hours of content work.)

Writing and Editing		
19:102	Journalism Teacher Workshops: Teaching Journalistic Writing, Reporting, Editing	2 s.h.
19:115	Journalistic Reporting and Writing	4 s.h.
19:120	Specialized Reporting and Writing	4 s.h.
19:121	Depth Reporting and Writing	4 s.h.
19:122	Magazine Reporting and Writing	4 s.h.
19:123	Broadcast Journalism Reporting and Writing	4 s.h.
19:124	Persuasive Writing	4 s.h.
19:125	Freelance Reporting and Writing	4 s.h.
19:136	Editing Workshop	4 s.h.

Production		
19:102	Journalism Teacher Workshops: Newspaper Advising	2 s.h.
19:102	Journalism Teacher Workshops: Yearbook Advising	2 s.h.
19:130	Media Workshop	4 s.h.
19:134	Broadcast Journalism Workshop	4 s.h.
19:173	Advanced Media Workshop	4 s.h.

Visual Communication		
19:102	Journalism Teacher Workshops: Design with InDesign (check current listing; Workshop topics change each year)	2 s.h.
19:131	Publication Design Workshop	4 s.h.
19:132	Photojournalism Workshop	4 s.h.
19:133	Typography Workshop	4 s.h.
19:137	Book Design Workshop	4 s.h.
19:138	Online Journalism	4 s.h.
19:150	Visual Communication	3 s.h.

Additional courses may fulfill certain areas. Direct questions to David Schwartz, Journalism Education Coordinator, E346B Adler Journalism Building, School of Journalism & Mass Communications, Iowa City, IA 52242; Phone: (319) 335-3318.